

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** Image 16

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1001287.000

**Medium:** Computer Image File Printout

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** English

**Applicant:** Secretary for Internal Affairs

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| <b>Classification:</b> | Objectionable. |
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 16 September 2010

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The printout is a composite image consisting of 12 individual images explicitly depicting naked young teenage girls displaying their breasts and genitals, and showing them involved in sexual activity with men or with boys of a similar age or younger. The images surround a prominent website logo suggesting that the girls depicted are 18 years old. However, most of the girls shown do not present as young adults and appear to be no more than 15 or 16 years old. The purpose of the material is to sexually arouse adults with a sexual interest in young persons. The availability of this material is likely to encourage this sexual interest and strengthen the idea that young girls may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of young persons.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.

